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1. In the latter part of December 1951 [redacted] Kherson. Attachment 1 is a sketch of the port and the numbers are identified as follows:

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- (1) Grain elevator, in good working order.
- (2) A large three-or four-masted sailing vessel. According to [] this vessel was used as a naval school for officers of the Navy or the Merchant Marine (it was not clear which).
- (3) A mole with dirt piled along its length.
- (4) A mole four meters wide, made entirely of wood.
- (5) []
- (6) Two small cranes with pipes and straps, loading coal.
- (7) A crane moving on a track and carrying coal. The crane had a lifting capacity of about seven tons.
- (8) Open air coal storage space.
- (9) Railroad line with double tracks leading inland.
- (10) A 6,000-ton Bulgarian motorship. Later this ship was seen at Odessa (4 on Attachment 2).
- (11) Three small passenger ships.
- (12) A one-story building without a roof, used for coal storage.

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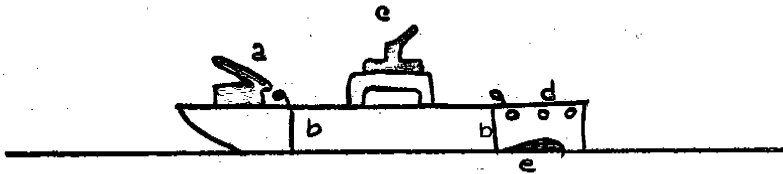
- (13) The customs house, a new one-story building.
- (14) A three-story building which houses the Harbor Master's office as well as some other offices.
- (15) Two cranes, in good working order, moving on tracks [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted]
- (16) Shipyard district. [redacted] 25X1
these shipyards were constructed in 1951. Among other things, they are to construct a concrete floating dock every year.
- (17) Repair shops of the shipyard.
- (18) The chimney of the repair shop.
- (19) Four or five small buildings used by the shipyards.
- (20) A floating concrete dock under construction (the forms were being constructed).
- (21) A completed section of the floating dry dock at (20).
- (22) Two small steel vessels under construction.
- (23) Two small supporting frameworks, used in repairing small ships.
- (24) A floating craft (sic). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] this is used to house the workers of the shipyards.
- 25X1 2. From Kherson, [redacted] proceeded to Odessa, [redacted] 25X1
in January 1952. Attachment 2 is a sketch of the port area and the numbers are identified as follows:
- (1) Three 6,000-to 7,000-ton Soviet freighters, of German construction, undergoing repairs.
- (2) A floating dry dock.
- (3) Three old 6,000-to 7,000-ton Soviet freighters, undergoing repairs.
- (4) A new Bulgarian freighter (motorship). This ship had been observed by source at Kherson (10 on Attachment 1). It was probably engaged in regular traffic between Odessa and Kherson.
- 25X1 (5) A railroad train. [redacted] number
25X1 of cars, [redacted] twelve of them were flatcars and each flatcar held a motorboat made of steel without a keel. They were entirely electric-welded and the steel sheet metal was about 6 mm thick. Newly built, they were being unloaded from the flatcars and were probably destined to be used in rivers. The motorboats were 20 to 25 meters long, 3 to 3.5 meters wide, and less than 1.5 meters high (sic). Below is a sketch of the motorboat and the key is as follows:
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- An uncovered machine gun about 1.5 meters long, fixed on a base. There were holes about the middle of the barrel.
 - Steel straps attached around the entire perimeter of the vessel in an oblique position. The straps had hooks at the end which were used for lifting or lowering the vessel.
 - Small bridge
 - Portholes
 - Two propellers covered and fitted in such a way that they would not get damaged sitting on the freight car.

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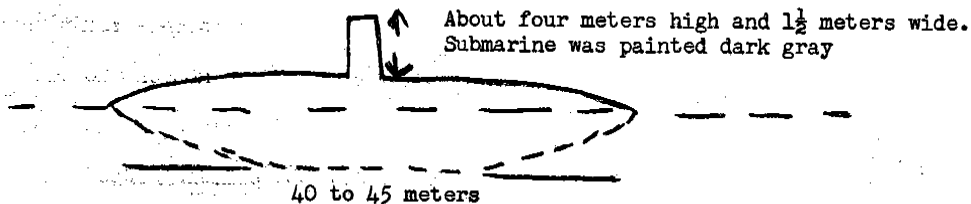
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- 25X1 3. On 22 January 1952 [redacted] in the outer harbor at Odessa [redacted] a Soviet submarine coming out of the harbor at about 0900 hours. It followed the course marked 2 on Attachment 3, and disappeared, heading south. [redacted] the submarine from a distance of 400 meters and it presented a curious phenomenon. It had neither turret nor cannon; at the center of the submarine there was a funnel obliquely installed but no smoke was coming from it. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 4. At about 1200 hours [redacted] from the harbor and headed towards the Bosphorus, following the course marked 3 on Attachment 3. At about the same time, [redacted] a 7,000-ton Soviet freighter, a fast vessel with a black stack, which had come out of the harbor that morning and was following the course marked 5 on Attachment 3. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] From 6 it sailed to points 7, 8, and 9, and then disappeared. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] Between 1230 to 1300 hours, from positions 9 and 11, [redacted] the submarine once again at 12. It was following a northwest course (13 on Attachment 3) towards 10 and 13. The submarine and the freighter were approaching each other but suddenly the submarine began to submerge. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] a rough drawing of the submarine [redacted] when it surfaced, though the submarine was not entirely above the surface of the sea. Only part of the submarine surface and the entire funnel were visible. [redacted] 25X1



Attachments: Three

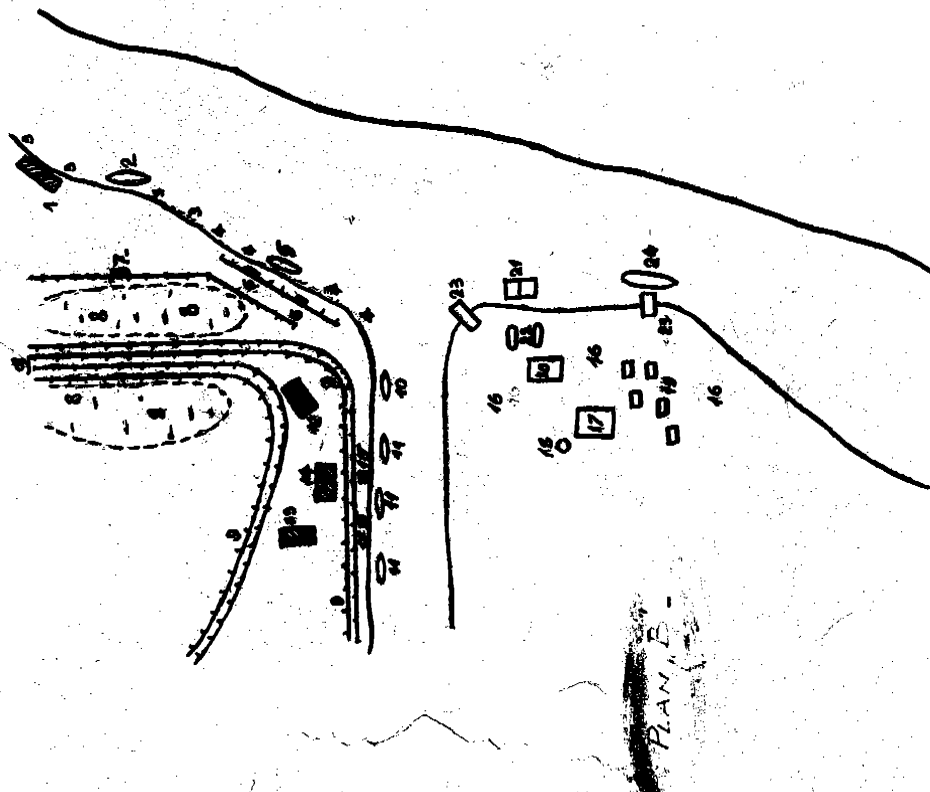
1. Port of Kherson
2. Port of Odessa
3. Ship Routes Outside Odessa Harbor

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Attachment 1

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Attachment 2

PORT OF ODESSA



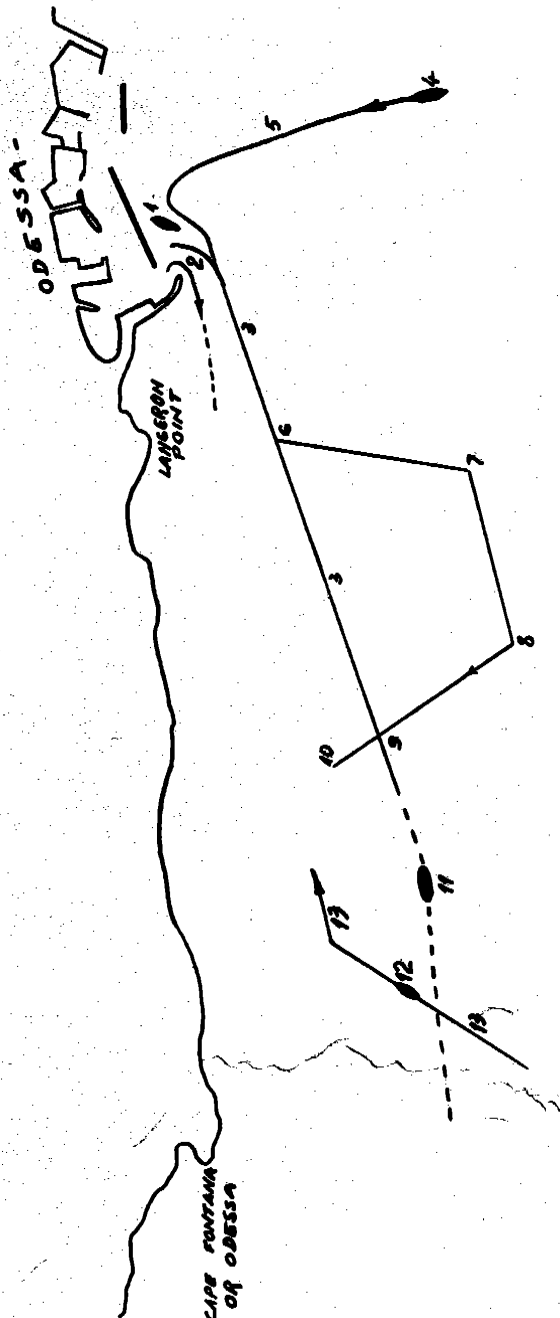
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Attachment 3

SHIP ROUTES OUTSIDE ODESSA HARBOR



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